

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 584

By Sparks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Franklin Road Baptist Church Bus Ministry for its meritorious service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of the General Assembly should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations that, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Road Baptist Church Bus Ministry is one such institution that has served the Lord and its community for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, established in 1965, the organization's primary purpose was to provide transportation, free of charge, to children and adults attending Sunday School; and

WHEREAS, from these humble beginnings, they now operate a fleet of fifteen bus routes extending into all areas of Rutherford County, including Murfreesboro, LaVergne, and Smyrna; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this operation, the Ministry provides a multitude of other services to its community, including: free transportation to services as well as Sunday School; ministry to 600 families on the weekends; snacks or meals for nearly 400 families each Sunday; Christmas presents for several dozen families each year; pastoral care through funerals, hospital visits, and shut-in visits on a regular basis; spiritual encouragement to the underprivileged youth of the community; and full scholarships to over fifty teens each summer to weeklong summer camps; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Road Baptist Church and its Bus Ministry have stood on the rock-solid foundation of Christian belief, service, and love for a number of years, serving as a bastion of faith and outreach to the people of its community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and commend the Franklin Road Baptist Church Bus Ministry for its meritorious service to the people of Tennessee and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.